



## Brighter Choice Charter Schools

### Minutes

#### Board Meeting

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##### **Date and Time**

Thursday July 17, 2025 at 8:30 AM

##### **Location**

250 Central Ave. Albany, NY

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##### **Trustees Present**

C. Driggs, M. Snyder (remote), N. Velilla, T. Hanmer, Z. Nelson

##### **Trustees Absent**

*None*

##### **Guests Present**

Albert Schnide, L. Licygiewicz

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#### **I. Opening Items**

##### **A. Record Attendance**

##### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

M. Snyder called a meeting of the board of trustees of Brighter Choice Charter Schools to order on Thursday Jul 17, 2025 at 8:48 AM.

##### **C. Approve Minutes**

##### **D.**

### **Approve Minutes - Annual Meeting**

C. Driggs made a motion to approve the minutes from Annual Board Meeting on 06-20-25.

T. Hanmer seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## **II. Committee Reports**

### **A. Governance Report Out- Martha**

The Governance met last week and discussed particularly the enrollment for the upcoming year.

The Boys school is 219 budgeted at 238. The school is on a good trajectory towards getting pending registrations across the line.

The Girls have 317 and are focused on shoring up the registration and most grades are close to fully enrolled, except more recruitment is needed for K.

The principals discussed open positions and hiring, as well as the continuing activities to build community engagement and awareness in support of enrollment.

Both schools are preparing for back to school and return of teachers on Aug 18th.

### **B. Election of new board trustee, Shawn Jahn**

Shawn Jahn was previously Business Officer for Brighter Choice, and will bring expertise to the board if elected.

M. Snyder made a motion to Motion [#1]: The Brighter Choice Charter School Board of Trustees, having conducted a thorough criminal history record check via fingerprinting which is deemed acceptable by NYSED, and having discovered no State or federal criminal history, or having provided information regarding such history to NYSED, if found, and having verified that any academic and/or professional credential or qualification presented by the proposed member is genuine, and having reviewed the application in its entirety, has voted to select Shawn Jahn as a member to its Board of Trustees, with a term expiring on June 2027, pending approval by NYSED. The resolution approving Shawn Jahn is adopted upon NYSED's approval.

C. Driggs seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## **III. Closing Items**

### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

C. Driggs made a motion to Adjourn.

T. Hanmer seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
M. Snyder